



INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2008

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING: (role- review and comment on local plans) We are continuing to receive Workforce Education and Training Plans. You will be having a full report about Workforce Education and Training issues at the February meeting.

CSS 07-08 AUGMENTATION: (role- review and comment on local plans) You will receive a full report from the Department of Mental Health about these dollars. When counties turn in CSS Contract Amendments (the process by which they access these dollars) the OAC staff are involved in the plan review team discussions and provide review and comment. Consistent with past practice, if/when issues are identified which may have policy implications for the Commission as a whole, those issues are brought forward in a staff report to the Commission.

CSS ONE-TIME AUGMENTATION: Same as above.

MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM APPLICATIONS: (role- review and comment on local plans) Thus far OAC staff have received one housing program application forwarded by the Department of Mental Health. This application was received from Sacramento County. OAC staff are continuing in their development of the review tool which will be used to assess the quality of the plans being submitted. It will also be used as a guide in preparing comments to the Department of Mental Health as they consider whether or not to approve the plans. Consistent with past practice, our review tool is being informed in part by the California Network of Mental Health Clients. They have given OAC staff feedback regarding their perspective on essential elements of effective housing for clients which will be incorporated into our review tool. Also, as is standard practice with all our products, the review tool will undergo a rigorous stakeholder review prior to being fully implemented.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION COMMUNITY PROGRAM PLANNING FUNDING REQUESTS: (role- review and approve local plans) OAC staff continue to review and approve local plans per the adopted MHISOAC procedure.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PLANS: (role- review and approve local plans) To date no county has submitted a Prevention and Early Intervention Plan. In the meantime, OAC staff received approval to do an Invitation For Bid for content area

expert consultants to help staff our PEI Review Team. We have also been working closely with the DMH in securing client and family members and cultural competence experts to round out the staffing of our Review Team. Any Commissioner who is interested in being part of the PEI Review Team should feel free to let Deborah Lee know now. In addition, if you have names to submit regarding possible content area expert consultants, please let Deborah Lee know. She can answer any questions you may have about any of this. Many thanks to Deborah Lee and Earl Green who have taken the lead on getting us ready for these reviews. Also, many thanks to other OAC staff who have had a part in filling in the gaps!

INTEGRATED PLANS: (role- provide strategic and policy input) The Commission has already provided strategic and policy input regarding Integrated Plans. In addition, OAC staff (Sheri Whitt, Deborah Lee) are working closely with the Department of Mental Health as work in this area gets off the ground. The Department's ambitious goal is to have guidelines for the Integrated Plan complete by the end of June. We will be bringing periodic update reports to the Commission about work in this area.

CSS ANNUAL UPDATES: (role- provide strategic and policy input for each year's DMH Information Notice. Review and comment on each annual update received) Each year counties are asked to write and submit an annual update regarding implementation of their CSS plans. The Department of Mental Health Information Notice has gone out to counties and their reports are due by the end of June. OAC staff will be reviewing these annual updates when they are submitted. A summary report of the contents of these annual updates will be developed and presented to the Commission. In addition, policy issues arising from the review of the annual updates will be forwarded to our policy Staff Mental Health Specialists for further research. There are several possible outcomes of this research: 1) Policy recommendations may be forwarded to the Commission for its consideration 2) Other recommendations may be forwarded to the Commission's committees, technical resource groups, and workgroups, as appropriate. For example, we may find there are effects we want to measure with respect to implementation of CSS plans based on the contents of the annual updates and these recommendations would be forwarded to the Evaluation and Outcome Technical Resource Group.

FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS: (role- provide strategic and policy input to DMH) There may be a need for OAC staff and Commissioners to provide strategic and policy input regarding Full Service Partnerships. I am just beginning to become familiar with the Department's activity in this area and will have more to report in my next ED report.

MHSOAC Workplan

This plan is scheduled to be reviewed at the March Strategic Meeting. Future reports will contain updates on progress to date in meeting the goals of our MHSOAC Workplan.

MHSOAC Rules of Procedure

The first draft of our Rules of Procedure is complete and will be presented at the MHSOAC meeting. They will be more fully considered at the March Strategic Meeting.

MHSOAC LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Our procedures regarding the OAC's role with respect to legislative reports, etc., is being considered within the discussion we will be having about Rules of Procedure.

ANNUAL ELECTION/ CHAIR, VICE CHAIR

This activity was successfully completed at our January OAC meeting. When we discuss our draft Rules of Procedure at our March Strategic Meeting we can also entertain any thoughts commissioners may have regarding keeping our current election procedures or altering them.